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SUBJECT: TFUS01: ACCEPTANCE OF SLOVAK OFFER OF HURRICANE
KATRINA ASSISTANCE

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1. Post conveyed reftel acceptance of Slovakia's offer of Hurricane Katrina assistance (25,000 blankets, 500 camp beds, 1,000 first aid kits, and 600 liters of liquid soap) to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the morning of September 10.

2. The GOS has designated the following English speaking points-of-contact for Hurricane Katrina assistance coordination:

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3. According to Mr. Vojtko, a truck containing the Slovak assistance contribution is scheduled to depart Bratislava en route to Ramstein AB, Germany, at 22h00 local time Tuesday, September 13. The truck will be escorted by Mr. Komzik, and we understand that the Slovak Consul from Bonn will meet the items at Ramstein to officially hand them over. The Embassy does not yet know when the assistance will depart Ramstein via air for CONUS.

4. Embassy POC is Brian McCollum, Operations Coordinator in the Defense Attache's Office. He can be reached during working hours at 421-2-5922-3313 or on his mobile phone at 421-903-216-090, or via unclassified e-mail at McCollumBK@state.gov .
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